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Applicant: **ALOWERSSON, J. et al.**

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METHOD FOR  
CONVERTING DATA IN  
SERIAL FORMAT TO  
PARALLEL FORMAT AND  
VICE VERSA**

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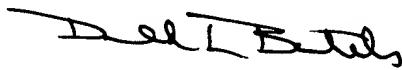
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Respectfully submitted,



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